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Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Note by the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. On 6 and 7 June 2012, the twenty-second Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea elected 20 members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf for a term of five years. At the request of the Group of Eastern European States, the election of one member of the Commission was postponed in order to allow for additional nominations from that Group in respect of a vacant seat allocated to it.

2. In view of the above, the Meeting of States Parties requested the Secretary-General to open a three-month period for nomination of candidates from the Eastern European States and to convene a Meeting of States Parties to elect one member of the Commission to serve from the date of election until 15 June 2017.

3. Pursuant to that request and to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention, the Secretary-General, by a note verbale dated 15 July 2012, invited States parties to the Convention from the Group of Eastern European States to submit nominations between 16 July and 15 October 2012.

4. At the end of the nomination period, the Secretary-General had received one nomination, submitted by the Government of Poland on 15 October 2012. Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention, the name and curriculum vitae of the candidate thus nominated are set out in the annex to the present note.

5. Paragraph 3 of article 2 provides that elections of the members of the Commission shall be held at a meeting of States parties convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters. For this purpose a meeting of States parties will be convened on 19 December 2012. The provisional agenda of the meeting has been circulated as document SPLOS/L.71.

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II. Procedure for the election

6. Rule 71 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4) provides that the elections of the members of the Commission shall take place in accordance with article 76 and annex II to the Convention.

7. Article 2, paragraph 3, of annex II to the Convention provides that two thirds of the States parties shall constitute a quorum, and that the persons elected to the Commission shall be those nominees who obtain a two-thirds majority of the votes of the representatives of States parties present and voting.

8. Subject to agreement at the Meeting, in accordance with established practice, the election will be held by secret ballot. Balloting will continue until the candidate has obtained the required majority.

III. Credentials

9. The Secretariat would appreciate it if the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers attending the Meeting could be transmitted to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs as far in advance as practicable, but no later than 17 December 2012. In this connection, it is recalled that pursuant to rule 13, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

Annex

Curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by the Government of Poland*

Szymon Uścinowicz (Poland)

Personal details

Born: 4 April 1953, Gdańsk, Poland

Education

2005	Dr. hab. geology (Quaternary geology) — Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland
1990	Ph.D. natural sciences in geology — Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland
1977	M.Sc. physical oceanography, Gdańsk University, Poland

Languages

Polish, English and Russian

Employment record

Since 1977 in Polish Geological Institute, Branch of Marine Geology, Gdańsk, Poland

1994/95 and 2007-2010 employed simultaneously at Faculty of Oceanography and Geography at Gdańsk University

Positions

2010-present	Assoc. Prof. in Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute
2005-2010	Docent in Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute
2007-2010	Professor at Faculty of Oceanography and Geography at Gdańsk University
2003-2011	Head of Baltic Sea Geology Section in Marine Geology Branch of Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute
1996-2003	Head of Geological Survey Department in Marine Geology Branch of Polish Geological Institute

Professional experience

Membership in professional and scientific organizations

2012-2014	Member of Polish Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research of Polish Academy of Sciences

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

2011-present	Member of Science Support and Advisory Committee of European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling
2006-present	Member of Editorial Board of *Oceanological and Hydrobiological Studies*
2006-present	Member of EuroGeoSurveys Marine Geology Expert Group
2003-2007	Member of Scientific Board of the Polish Geological Institute
2001-present	Member of Baltic Sea Geologist Association (2003-2005 chairman)
2000-present	Member of European Marine Sand and Gravel Group
1990-present	Member of International Union for Quaternary Science subcommission on coastal processes and sea-level changes (2003-2007 chairman of North West Europe Working Group)
1997-present	Member of International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) working group on effects of extraction of marine sediments on the marine ecosystem
1994-2008	Member of Editorial Board of *Baltica* — International Journal on Geosciences (Lithuanian Academy of Science)
1993-1995	Member of Polish Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research of Polish Academy of Sciences
1988-1996	Member of ICES working group on contaminants in the Baltic Sea sediments

International research cruises and trainings

2007 — Research cruise on *Prof. Albrecht Penck*, one week on Baltic Sea

2007 — Netherlands Institute of Applied Geoscience, National Geological Survey, two-week research and training visit

2001 — Research cruise on *Ocean Surveyor*, Swedish Geological Survey, one week on Baltic Sea

1998 — British Geological Survey, one-week research and training visit

1998 — Geological Survey of the Netherlands, one-week research and training visit

1996 — Research cruise on *Tydeman*, Geological Survey of the Netherlands, three weeks on Caribbean Sea

1994 — Geological Survey of the Netherlands, two-week training visit

1993 — Research cruise on *Humbolt*, one week on Baltic Sea

1993 — Research cruise on *Arlanda*, ICES/Helsinki Commission, three weeks on Baltic Sea

1988 — Estonian Academy of Science, three-week training visit

Research experience

Specialization: marine geological and geochemical mapping, sedimentology, coastal geology. Quaternary geology and palaeogeography, sea-level changes

Significant projects, last 10 years

2012-2015 — Decay of last ice-sheet in the southern Baltic area inferred from deposits of ice-marginal lakes and glaciofluvial deltas dated by OSL method. Grant, National Centre of Science, No. N N306 380539, project leader

2011-2014 — Developing of Protection Plans of NATURA 2000 Areas in the Gulf of Gdansk Region. Plans commissioned by Maritime Office Gdansk, member of research team

2010-2013 — Short-term climatic oscillations recorded in sediments of the Gulf of Gdańsk. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. N N306 380539, project leader

2009-2012 — SUBCOAST — Developing a service for monitoring and forecasting subsidence hazards in coastal lowland areas around Europe. European Union grant agreement No. 242332, principal investigator.

2009-2012 — European Marine Observation and Data Network. Service contract No. MARE/2008/03, Preparatory Actions for European Marine Observation and Data Network, Lot No. 2 — Geological data — SI2.531501, principal investigator

2009-2010 — Impact of sand exploitation from the bottom of the southern Baltic Sea on the bottom structure and meio- and -macrozoobenthos communities. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. 305/1/N-COST/2008/09/0, project leader

2008-2011 — Development of the coast of the Gulf of Gdansk in the mouth of Dead Vistula River. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. N N307 115935, project leader

2008-2010 — Creation of the Central Register of Polish Geosites. Project commissioned by Ministry of Environment, member of research team

2008-2010 — Vertical crustal movements on the coast of the Gulf of Gdansk in the light interferometry satellite data and analysis of geological and palaeogeographical — reconstruction of the events of the last assessment of the risks present and future. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. 366/N-SŁOWENIA/2008/0, principal investigator

2008-2010 — Record of sea level changes in coastal peatlands of Puck Lagoon during the late Holocene. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. N N307 131434, project leader

2007-2009 — Managing Cultural Heritage Underwater, European Union CULTURE 2000 Programme, Agreement No. 2006-1116/001-001 CLT CA22, member of research team

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Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting by the President of the twenty-second Meeting.
2. Minute of silent prayer or mediation.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Report of the Credentials Committee.
6. Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

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Credentials of representatives

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Éva Henriett **Schäfer** (Hungary)

1. On 19 December 2012, the Meeting of States Parties held to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf decided, for the purposes of conducting the business of the Meeting, to maintain the composition of the Credentials Committee as appointed by the twenty-first Meeting held in June 2011. The Credentials Committee thus consisted of the following nine States parties: Brazil, China, Grenada, Hungary, Mozambique, New Zealand, Senegal, Switzerland and Thailand.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 19 December 2012.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 19 December 2012, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Meeting. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement supplementing the memorandum regarding the inclusion of those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

4. As noted in the memorandum, formal credentials issued by Heads of State or Government or by Ministers for Foreign Affairs or by persons authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 82 States participating in the Meeting: Argentina; Australia; Bahamas; Bangladesh; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Canada; Chile; China; Costa Rica; Czech Republic; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Estonia; Fiji; Finland; France; Germany; Grenada; Guyana; Hungary; Iceland; India; Ireland; Italy; Jamaica; Kuwait; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lesotho; Liberia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia (Federated States of); Monaco; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Myanmar; Namibia; Nauru; Netherlands; New Zealand; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Paraguay; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Serbia; Seychelles; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Vanuatu; and Zambia.

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5. In addition, as noted in the same memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries of foreign affairs, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 57 States participating in the Meeting: Albania; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Armenia; Austria; Bahrain; Barbados; Belgium; Benin; Cameroon; Congo; Croatia; Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Dominica; Ecuador; Gabon; Georgia; Greece; Guatemala; Guinea; Haiti; Honduras; Indonesia; Iraq; Japan; Kenya; Lebanon; Madagascar; Malawi; Maldives; Mali; Mozambique; Nepal; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norway; Papua New Guinea; Republic of Moldova; Russian Federation; Samoa; Saudi Arabia; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Somalia; Thailand; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Viet Nam; Yemen; and Zimbabwe.

6. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in the previous paragraph would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea held on 19 December 2012 referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 19 December 2012, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat dated 19 December 2012,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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Report of the Meeting of States Parties to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

I. Introduction

1. A Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 December 2012, in accordance with article 2 of annex II to the Convention. Pursuant to the decision of the twenty-second Meeting of States Parties (see SPLOS/251, para. 85) and paragraph 39 of General Assembly resolution 67/78, the Meeting was convened to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf nominated from the Eastern European States.

2. The Meeting had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the election, which included the curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by the Government of Poland, Szymon Uścinowicz (SPLOS/252).

II. Opening of the Meeting

3. Isabelle Picco (Monaco), President of the twenty-second Meeting of States Parties, opened the Meeting.

4. The Meeting observed a minute of silence.

5. For the purposes of conducting its business, the Meeting decided to retain the composition of the Bureau, including the Presidency, as elected by the twenty-second Meeting, and the composition of the Credentials Committee as appointed by the twenty-second Meeting (see SPLOS/251, paras. 5, 6 and 12).

III. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The Meeting adopted the agenda (SPLOS/253) and approved the organization of work, as outlined by the President.

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IV. Report of the Credentials Committee

7. The Credentials Committee, chaired by Éva Henriett Schäfer (Hungary), met following the adoption of the agenda. The Chair of the Credentials Committee introduced the report of the Credentials Committee to the Meeting (SPLOS/254). In particular, she stated that the Committee had examined and accepted the credentials of the representatives of 139 States parties to the Convention. She also informed delegations that, after the meeting of the Committee, information concerning the representatives of Jordan and Senegal had also been received. Consequently, the total number of credentials received was 141, of which 82 had been received in due form and 59 received on the understanding that formal credentials would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as practicable.

8. The Meeting approved the report of the Committee without a vote.

V. Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

9. The President informed the Meeting of the election procedures, recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention and the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4).

10. The representatives of Chile, Greece, Mali and Singapore acted as tellers.

11. In the one round of balloting, Szymon Uścinowicz was elected as a member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, with 119 votes in favour and 2 abstentions. He will serve from the date of election until 15 June 2017.

12. On behalf of States parties, the President congratulated Mr. Uścinowicz on his election.